GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture Debt Redemption Scheme 2014 - Distribution of Runa upasamana arhata patralu to farmers - Release of 2nd Instalment –Organisation of programme from 22nd June, 2016 to 30th June, 2016 - Instructions – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.435 Dated:22 -06-2016.
Read the following:-

1.G.O.Ms.No.174, Finance(B&IF) Dept, dated:14-08-2014.
2.G.O.Ms.No.218, Finance (R&E) Dept, dated:04-12-2014.
3.G.O.Rt.No.308, Agriculture & Cooperation (Horti&Seri) Dept, dated:03-05-2016.

ORDER:

In the G.O.1st read above operational guidelines were issued towards distribution of 1st instalment loan redemption amount to the farmers accounts under Agriculture Debt Redemption Scheme, 2014.

2. In the G.O.3rd read above, implementation guidelines were issued towards debt redemption of Agriculture farmers under Horticulture Crops.

3. The Government have decided to organize a Programme from 22nd June 2016 onwards for covering all villages of the State for distribution of 'Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu' to farmer beneficiaries under the Agriculture Debt Redemption Scheme 2014**.** The **Hon'ble Chief Minister will launch the Programme in Prakasam Dist. on 22nd June, 2016 .** Similarly, a programme will be conducted at each MLA constituency level across the State to initiate the programme.

4**.** **T**he respective Heads of the Departments of Agricultural and Allied Sectors will participate in the Programme.

5. The Basic objective of this Programme is to distribute 'Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu' to all the farmer beneficiaries under Agriculture Debt Redemption Scheme 2014, who have received the 1st instalment loan redemption amount during December 2014. The balance amount due will be paid to the farmers in four annual equal instalments. The modalities to enable them to claim the second instalment is given below.

6. 'Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu' which will be given to each family of beneficiaries will contain the name of the farmer, account number, amount redeemed and balance amount to be redeemed. They are printed farmer wise on a tamper proof paper with many good security features.

7. The farmers who receive the Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu have to be advised to approach the bank branches concerned, in order to get the second instalment redemption amount credited to their loan account. They may be further informed that even if they do not submit their Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu to the bank branches towards redemption, they will be paid at any time there after the amount due with 10% interest there on.

8. In respect of all the cases wherever the farmers approach the bank branches with their Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu, the bank authorities shall verify the Aadhar number and affix the bank seal there on and sign in the relevant instalment box overleaf and upload the details of the farmer in the N.I.C portal. This should be done in a separate template to be downloaded from NIC. The amount due will be released to the **escrow account** of the Nodal branch of Bank Online. The bankers shall credit the amounts to the accounts of the farmers and they have to submit the utilization certificates.

9. The list of beneficiaries to whom the Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu are to be distributed is sent to all the Districts electronically. The beneficiary farmers have to be informed about the programme well in advance.

10. The District Collectors shall prepare a village wise schedule to ensure 100% distribution of Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu to the beneficiary farmer's family under proper acknowledgement. Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu will be issued to the main member of the family whose name appears first on the data sheet of the NIC portal and which will be printed on the front page of the Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patram. **It should be ensured that all the villages are covered by 30th June 2016.**

11. The Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu shall be distributed by Mandal level Teams. There will be 2 teams in each Mandal. One team headed by the Tahsildar and the other by the Mandal Parishad Development Officer (M.P.D.O). The Mandal level team shall consist of officials of Agriculture dept, Revenue, MPDO. Public representatives at the Mandal level should be requested to participate in the programme. Hon'ble Ministers and MLAs should be requested to participate in the programme.

12. It is necessary to maintain proper documentation and record, date wise, for the distribution of Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu to the farmers. The proforma for maintaining the register will be communicated by Rythu Sadhikara Samstha.

13. The District Collectors and the Joint Directors of Agriculture (JDAs)shall follow the following instructions for distribution of Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu:

i. A programme is to be organised on 22nd June 2016 at Constituency level with the involvement of Public Representatives i.e., Hon'ble Ministers, MLAs, MLCs and ZP Chairperson and local public representatives for launching this scheme in the Assembly constituency.
ii. The meeting will be organized at Constituency Head Quarters wherein beneficiaries under Debt Redemption Scheme will participate and they will receive the Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu.
iii. All the logistics arrangements for the successful conduct of the programme should be worked out diligently. Wide publicity should be given to the programme.
iv. The details of Horticulture redemption shall also be got publicised by posters and pamphlets.
v. The JDAs shall meet the expenditure from the funds available with them and send their fund requirement proposals to Rythu Sadhikara Samstha through District Collectors and the funds will be released to the District Collector.
vi. The District Collectors shall conduct a meeting of bankers and explain the guidelines.
vii. Two Mandal level teams shall be formed headed by Tahsildar and MPDO. Officials of the Agriculture and Horticulture Department should accompany the teams. Mandal Teams are permitted to hire 2 vehicles, one for each team, during programme from 22nd June to 30th June 2016.
viii. The Mandal level teams should prepare a village schedule on the same lines as the Janmabhoomi programme and should visit each village and distribute Runa Upasamana Arhata Patralu in the presence of Public representatives and Janmabhoomi Committees.
ix. MAOs, AEOs, MPEOs and VROs shall take active part in giving wide publicity, informing the farmers and in the distribution of Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu.
x. Wide publicity shall be given regarding date of visit to a village and the farmers in the village should be informed about the programme well in advance.
xi. Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu shall be distributed to the farmers without committing any mistake as to the identity of the farmer. This is very critical as it is essential for extending four instalments of Agriculture debt redemption scheme.
xii. The Mandal level and village level teams should ensure the 100% distribution of Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patralu to the correctly identified beneficiary farmers.
xiii. The JDAs should be asked to ensure that each farmer gets the following three
    a. Runa Upasamana Arhatha Patram
    b. Hon'ble CM's letter
    c. Note containing the procedure for presenting the patram at banks by farmers

xiv. Agriculture Department shall print on a flexi or laminated sheet giving the details of families that are benefitted under Agriculture Debt Redemption Scheme both under One time settlement (OTS) and Non OTS. It shall be displayed in Gram Panchayat office or any other Government office building in the village.

14. The Chief Executive Officer, Rythu Sadhikara Samstha will formulate necessary formats for getting the information about the progress of the programme and monitoring the implementation.

15. All District Collectors, Joint Directors of Agriculture, the Department of Agriculture & Rythu Sadhikara Samstha shall follow all these guidelines for effective implementation of the programme and make it successful. They shall monitor the programme closely and take all necessary steps for distribution of all the Runa Upasamana Arhatha patralu.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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All the District Collectors for necessary action
All the District JDAs for necessary action.
The Chief Executive Officer, RySS, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad.

Copy to:
The P.S to Minister (Agriculture)
The P.S to Chief Secretary to Government.
The Additional Secretary to C.M(Sri V.Rajamouli,IAS)
The Chief Executive Officer, RySS, A.P., Hyderabad.
The P.S to Special Chief Secretary to Government, Agriculture & Cooperation Dept.
The P.S to Vice-Chairman, State Planning Board, A.P., Hyderabad.
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